



BIOGRAPHY



UNITED STATES AIR FORCE

BRIGADIER GENERAL DENNIS G. LUCAS

Brigadier General Dennis G. Lucas is the Commander of the California Air National Guard. He is responsible for command and control oversight of five major field-level organizations comprised of nearly 5,000 military and civilian personnel serving at eleven locations within California. As Commander, he serves as the senior Air National Guard officer responsible for providing operationally trained, equipped and mission-ready forces to support national defense requirements worldwide and emergency response, relief, and recovery operations throughout California.

In 1971, General Lucas graduated from Officer Training School at Lackland AFB, Texas. After graduating from Undergraduate Navigator Training at Mather AFB, California, he continued training in the F-4E at Homestead AFB, Florida. Upon completion of F-4 training, he was assigned to Korat Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand, where he flew combat missions during the Vietnam War. He also completed flying assignments in England and the United States.



General Lucas joined the California Air National Guard in 1980 where he held a variety of positions until 1987 when he transferred to the State Headquarters holding positions as the Education and Training Officer, and Executive Officer. In 1999, he was assigned as the Director of Command, Control, Communications and Computers and in 2000, General Lucas was appointed as the Assistant Adjutant General, Air, for the California Air National Guard. In September 2004, General Lucas was appointed as the Commander. General Lucas is a Master Navigator with more than 2,400 hours, including 130 combat missions in the F-4 in Southeast Asia.

EDUCATION:

- 1970 Bachelor of Science degree in Biology, Duquesne University, Pittsburgh, PA
- 1975 Squadron Officers School, by correspondence
- 1976 Air Command and Staff College, by correspondence
- 1979 Master's degree in public administration, Golden Gate University, San Francisco, CA
- 1989 Air War College, by correspondence

ASSIGNMENTS:

1. March 1971 - January 1972, student, undergraduate navigator training, Mather AFB, CA
2. March 1972 – September 1972, student, F-4E combat crew training, 309th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Homestead Air Force Base, FL
3. October 1972 - October 1973, F-4E Weapon Systems Officer (WSO), Fast FAC, 34th Tactical Fighter Squadron, Korat Royal Thai Air Base, Thailand
4. November 1973 - July 1975, F-4D WSO/IWSO, 493 and 494th Tactical Fighter Squadrons, RAF Lakenheath, England
5. July 1975 - November 1976, F-4D Flight Examiner (FE)/ IWSO, 48th Tactical Fighter Wing, RAF Lakenheath, England
6. November 1976 - April 1980, F-4C/D/E/F FE/IWSO, 35th Tactical Fighter Wing, George Air Force Base, CA
7. April 1980 - May 1980, USAF Reserve Officer (Inactive), ARPC, Denver, CO
8. May 1980 - October 1982, Recce Duty Officer, Air Support Operations Center (ASOC), and F-4C FE/IWSO, 163rd Tactical Air Support Group, Ontario ANG Base, CA
9. October 1982 - June 1987, Chief of Stan/Evaluation, 163rd Tactical Fighter Group, March Air Force Base, CA
10. June 1987 - June 1994, Education and Training Officer, Headquarters California Air National Guard, Sacramento, CA
11. June 1994 – September 1999, Executive Officer, Headquarters California Air National Guard, Sacramento, CA
12. September 1999 - June 2000, Director, Command, Control, Communications and Computers, Headquarters California Air National Guard, Sacramento, CA
13. June 2000 – September 2004, Assistant Adjutant General, Air, Headquarters California Air National Guard, Sacramento, CA
14. September 2004 – Present, Commander, California Air National Guard, Sacramento, CA

FLIGHT INFORMATION:

Rating: Master Navigator

Flight hours: More than 2,400 including 130 combat missions

Aircraft flown: T-29, F-4C, D, E, F

MAJOR AWARDS AND DECORATIONS:

Legion of Merit

Distinguished Flying Cross with two devices (with valor)

Meritorious Service Medal with one device

Air Medal with nine devices

Air Force Commendation Medal

Air Force Achievement Medal

Air Force Outstanding Unit Award with two devices

Air Force Organizational Excellence Award with five devices

Combat Readiness Medal with three devices

National Defense Service Medal with two devices

Vietnam Service Medal with one device

Humanitarian Service Medal with one device

Air Force Overseas Ribbon (Short Tour)

Air Force Overseas Ribbon (Long Tour)

Air Force Longevity Service Award Ribbon with seven devices

Armed Forces Reserve Medal with one device

Small Arms Marksmanship Ribbon
Air Force Training Ribbon
Republic of Vietnam Gallantry Cross with Palm
Republic of Vietnam Campaign Medal
California Medal of Merit
California Service Medal

EFFECTIVE DATES OF PROMOTION:

Second Lieutenant	16 March 1971
First Lieutenant	16 March 1974
Captain	16 March 1976
Major	1 November 1984
Lieutenant Colonel	1 November 1988
Colonel	24 June 1994
Brigadier General	24 May 2001

(Current as of October 2004)